

MASHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
1966

District Council Offices  
MASHAM

H. DIGGLES  
M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.



MASHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

North Riding of Yorkshire.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

The Chairman (Councillor H.H. Hardy)

The Vice-Chairman (Councillor T. Reynolds)

and all the members of the Council

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LEYBURN.

1967.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE

MASHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report on the health of the District for the year 1966.

In 1966 the state of public health in Masham was very satisfactory. There were no maternal deaths or deaths from tuberculosis, though one stillbirth occurred.

The provision of adequate sewerage and sewage disposal schemes in the district is satisfactory.

The water supply is now controlled by the Northallerton and The Dales Water Board.

In conclusion, I should like to express my appreciation to the Members and Officials of the Council for the help and support I have received from them during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

H. DIGGLES,

Medical Officer of Health.





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SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

(a) GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	25,995
Population (Registrar General's Estimate of Resident Population mid-year 1966)	1,600
Population (1931 Census)	2,024
Population (1951 Census)	1,738
Number of Inhabited houses 1966	604
Rateable Value (at 1st April 1966)	£69,884
Product of a penny rate (1st April 1966)	£273.58

(b) VITAL STATISTICS. (As supplied by Registrar General).

	MALES			FEMALES		
	Total	Legit imate	Illegi timate	Total	Legit imate	Illegi timate
LIVE BIRTHS	13	13	-	14	13	1
STILL BIRTHS	1	1	-	-	-	-
<u>INFANT DEATHS</u>						
UNDER 1 Year	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNDER 4 Weeks	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNDER 1 Week	-	-	-	-	-	-

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DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
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FOR THE YEAR 1900

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### CLASSIFIED CAUSES OF DEATH

<u>Cause of Death</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	1	1
Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	3	1	4
Other Heart Disease	-	2	2
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	1	1	2
Coronary Disease, Angina	3	4	7
Bronchitis	-	2	2
All other Accidents.	1	-	1
Pneumonia	-	1	1
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### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

It was not necessary to take action under Section 47 of the above Act which deals with the compulsory removal to a place of safety of persons in need of care and attention.

### SECTION B.

#### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

##### Laboratory Facilities.

Laboratory Facilities are provided at the Public Health Laboratory, Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

##### Ambulance Facilities.

The North Riding of Yorkshire County Council supply ambulance services from their station at Thirsk.

##### Hospital Services.

Local Hospital accommodation is provided by the Northallerton Management Committee of the Newcastle Regional Hospital Board. In addition, a number of residents receive both in-patient and out-patient treatment at hospitals under the control of the Ripon and Harrogate Management Committee of the Leeds Regional Hospital Board.



### Nursing in the Home.

The Home Nursing and Domiciliary Midwifery services are under the general direction of the County Council with the day-to-day administration dealt with by the Wensleydale Area Local Health Sub-Committee through the District Medical Officer. One district nurse/midwife operates in the area.

### Domestic Health Service.

This service is under the general direction of the County Council with the day-to-day administration dealt with by the Wensleydale Area Local Health Sub-Committee.

## SECTION C.

### Water Supplies.

Details are to be found in the Public Health Officer's Section.

### Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

Details are to be found in the Public Health Officer's Section.

### Refuse Collection and Disposal.

Details are to be found in the Public Health Officer's Section.

## SECTION D.

### Housing.

Details are to be found in the Public Health Officer's Section.

## SECTION E.

### Meat and Other Foods.

Details are to be found in the Public Health Officer's Section.





SECTION F.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

<u>Infectious Diseases Notified.</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Measles.	-	1	1





REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting my report on the fourth year of my service as your Public Health Inspector & Surveyor.

This has been another year without major event, allowing, as last year, greater attention being given to the day-to-day events and routines.

The hoped for improvements in the effluent from the Masham sewage disposal plant were apparent this year, and though they were not within the Royal Commission standard, they were nearer and more consistent than previously.

No new legislation became operative during the year, but the Building Regulations came into force with very little difficulty being experienced.

An explanation is due to all concerned of the delay in presenting this and the subsequent reports. This has been almost completely due to the preliminary work on the proposed scheme for the construction of a group of Aged Persons Dwellings. The assembly of facts, interviews, letter writing and plan drawing were given first priority, with daily routine organised around this activity. This work continued until early 1970, when building was commenced almost at the same time as the Council moved its offices into more suitable premises. At the time of writing - late July 1970 - order is beginning to return and those matters which were given the lowest priority are being brought into line.

Once again, the presentation of my report gives me the opportunity to express my thanks to the Council, the Medical Officer of Health, the Clerk and his staff and, not least, to the Council's workman for the willing help given me in the performance of my duties.

I have, Gentlemen, the honour to be

Your obedient servant,

ARTHUR NUNN,

Public Health Inspector & Surveyor.





## WATER SUPPLIES.

Water supplies in the majority of the district are under the control of the Northallerton & The Dales Water Board. Regular contact is maintained with the Board's officer responsible for the day to day operation of the supply. Of the remainder of the district the Leeds Corporation and the Claro Water Board supply premises owned by them in the vicinity of their reservoirs. The remaining premises are either connected to a small private supply or have individual supplies.

### Alterations to the scheme during the year.

A temporary addition to Ilton reservoir has been made, lifting the inlet by 14ft to enable the provision of a constant supply to be made to the higher premises in the village.

### Quantity of Water.

The supply of water has, at all times, been sufficient.

### Quality of Water.

In order to use the services of the Public Health Laboratory in a more rational way it was agreed with the Water Board's local officer that he would take frequent samples in this district and that, in the case of an adverse report, the Public Health Laboratory would send a copy of the result to me. In view of the regular visits by the Board's officer and the day-to-day co-operation between us, this has proved very satisfactory.

During the year a total of 78 samples were taken, including samples of water before treatment. Of these 9 were not up to standard, but follow-up samples taken a week later showed that the contamination was only temporary.

### Distribution of water.

Of the 607 inhabited houses in the district water was supplied, through service pipes, to:

532 by the Northallerton & the Dales Water Board;  
7 by other Statutory Water Boards.

The remaining 68 houses were connected to private supplies.

### Inspections.

A total of 30 visits was made in connection with domestic supplies. Where complaints were received and could not be dealt with by this Council's officer they were referred to the Board's local officer and were dealt with by him.





## SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE.

### Sewers.

The sewers in the district serve all dwellings capable of connection at reasonable expense under present conditions.

No additions were made during the year.

### Sewage Works: Masham:

As forecast in the report for last year, the results of the examination of samples of effluent from the works showed considerable improvement, in the main being just outside the Royal Commission 30/20 standard.

Fearby: A further year of satisfactory samples indicates satisfactory working of the plant.

Ellingstring: The opportunity to carry out any but works of maintenance has not occurred.

### General:

At Fearby a 40 yard length of stone culvert carrying a roadside ditch - legally classed as a sewer, though no domestic sewage is now discharged into it - was piped in. This brought relief from flooding of the road during periods of heavy rainfall.

Visits in connection with sewerage and drainage were:-

Masham Sewers and Sewage Works	297
Fearby Sewers and Sewage Works	26
Ellingstring Sewers and Sewage Works	16
Masham Ejector Station	14
Drains tested	36
Drains cleared	23

### Paddling Pool:

Though not strictly sewerage, the local paddling pool has been an eyesore for some time. Owing to its having a continuous supply of water from a nearby spring the water was too cold for children to paddle in and the pool became a target for stones, and eventually plant life appeared. A line of land drain pipes was laid across the pool and earth from building excavations used to fill it in.

## LODGING HOUSES.

There are no Common Lodging Houses, or Houses-let-in-Lodgings in the district.





## REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

The refuse collection service has continued this year in the same satisfactory manner as our contractors have previously served us.

It has been possible to improve the collection in the villages so that these areas - and the dwellings along the roads connecting them - now receive a collection every fortnight.

The tip, at Healey quarry, was operated on a system of crude tipping and incineration, followed by compaction by the collection vehicle. This ensures that much of the surface of the tip is covered by ashes and similar fine material which effectively seals the majority of the surface. The tip is inspected frequently for evidence of rat infestation, and poisoning with Warfarin carried out effectively.

## HOUSING.

The general standard of housing in the district is satisfactory. The improvement of houses with the assistance of standard and discretionary grants continues, local building firms - principally of the smaller type - show no signs of having additional capacity to warrant any further pressure to increase the rate of improvement.

No progress was made towards the construction of further Council Houses, but private building and improvement added to the number of houses in the district available for occupation.

### Statistics in connection with Housing:

No. of occupied houses in the district:	607
No. of full inspections made	17
No. of houses closed	-
No. of houses demolished	-
No. of unfit houses made fit for human habitation	1

### Improvement Grants:

No. of visits of inspection and interviews:	43
No. of Grant applications: Standard	16
Discretionary	1
No. of houses improved with Grant Aid:	
Standard	7
Discretionary	8

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### Council Housing:

The Council's stock of houses comprises:-

4 Four bedroom houses,  
58 Three bedroom houses,  
18 Two bedroom bungalows, and  
3 One bedroom bungalows.

In addition to the weekly rent call, 73 visits were made in connection with specific repairs.

### BUILDING BYELAWS AND REGULATIONS.

The new building regulations came into force on 1st February. The advantages of national regulations are obvious but until these are as well-known as the former byelaws some extra work is involved in checking and explaining to applicants and builders the alterations needed where new rules supercede the old.

No. of plans submitted to and approved by the Council	18
No. of visits to work in progress	63

### FOOD AND DRUGS.

The 100% inspection of animals slaughtered for human food has continued during the year, 71 visits being made to the slaughterhouse to inspect a total of 428 animals.

### Tuberculosis and Cysticercus Bovis.

No cases of either of these conditions were found.

### Meat and Food Condemned.

The following amounts of foodstuffs were condemned as unfit for human consumption:

Butcher's meat	122 lbs.
Canned meats	28 lbs.
Canned fish	1 lb.
Canned fruit and vegetables	33 lbs.
Other foods	4 lbs.

### Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus.

Dealt with by County Council.

### The Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations 1963.

There are no egg pasteurisation plants in the district.





### Food Hygiene Regulations:

29 visits were paid to premises controlled by these regulations, when only minor contraventions were found, being remedied within reasonable time.

Details requested in para 8 of Ministry of Health Circular No. 1/67 are:

	Butchers.	Bakehouse, Grocer, Cafe	General
No. in district	2	3	6
Complying with Regulation 16	2	3	6
Subject to Regulation 19	2	3	1
Complying with Regulation 19	2	3	1

### Poultry Inspection:

There are no poultry processing premises within the district.

### RODENT AND INSECT INFESTATION.

A free service for the control of domestic invasions of rats and mice is provided by the Council, and assistance and advice is given to farmers and others for dealing with similar infestations.

### MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

No. of permanent residential sites	1
No. of seasonal licensed sites (of which only 1 is in use)	2

From time to time vans are parked overnight in varying places, and sites are also occupied by exempted organisations.

### CLEAN AIR ACT.

One of the three industrial furnaces was taken out of use during the year and another converted to oil firing. At no time have emissions been observed which would warrant the making of 30 minute observations.





## FACTORIES.

The following details on factories are the relevant sections of the tables required by the Minister of Labour to be furnished under Section 153(1) of the Factories Act 1961.

### 1. Inspections.

	No. on Register.	No. of Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
(ii) Factories in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority	17	31	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced	3	94	-	-

### 2. Cases in which Defects were found.

No cases were found which needed reference to H.M. Inspector of Factories, and no notifications were received.

### 3. Outworkers.

There are no known outworkers in the district and no notifications have been received.

## OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963.

There are 24 premises in the district registered under this Act, employing 106 persons. A total of 75 inspections were made. No accidents were reported.

The premises reported last year as being below standard has been somewhat improved, but is not now open for 21 hours in each week and is thus no longer subject to the Act.

No formal action has been necessary under the Act.

## OTHER VISITS.

In addition to the visits and inspections referred to in the body of the report, the following visits were made on other matters under the jurisdiction of the Council:

Interviews on various matters	71
Hairdressers	8
Petroleum regulations	4
Planning Acts	6
Council Property	23
Parks and Gardens	33

